

“Director”
US EPA Region 6
c/o Ms. Sharon Haggard (6EN-WC)
P.O. Box 50625
Dallas, TX 75250-0625

Re: NPDES OCS General Permit No. GMG29_____
Non-Aqueous (Synthetic) Based Drilling Fluids

Dear Director:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that we will be submitting the Non-Aqueous (Synthetic) based muds Discharge Monitoring Reports (DMRs) to EPA Region 6 in accordance with our permit requirements, for lease areas/blocks identified on the following page.

The following indicates what DMR forms we will be using:

- ☐ We are requesting EPA preprinted DMRs and understand such requests may take up to 90 days to be fulfilled.
- ☐ We are requesting to use the approved Offshore Operator Committee’s (OOC) DMR, with the understanding that the OOC DMR may not be altered.
- ☐ We will be utilizing blank DMRs or other EPA Region 6 approved forms, with the knowledge that they must comply with the permit requirements.

Our DMRs will be completed in accordance with the EPA DMR instructions set forth at: www.epa.gov/earth1r6/6en/w/offshore/dmrinstructions.htm and our permit language.

By placing my signature below, I confirm that I meet the following requirements set forth in Part II.D.10. of the permit and 40 CFR 122.22:

(1) For a corporation. By a responsible corporate officer. For the purpose of this section, a responsible corporate officer means: (i) A president, secretary, treasurer, or vice-president of the corporation in charge of a principal business function, or any other person who performs similar policy- or decision-making functions for the corporation, or (ii) the manager of one or more manufacturing, production, or operating facilities, provided, the manager is authorized to make management decisions which govern the operation of the regulated facility including having the explicit or implicit duty of making major capital investment recommendations, and initiating and directing other comprehensive measures to assure long term environmental compliance with environmental laws and regulations; the manager can ensure that the necessary systems are established or actions taken to gather complete and accurate information for permit application requirements; and where authority to sign documents has been assigned or delegated to the manager in accordance with corporate procedures.

Note: EPA does not require specific assignments or delegations of authority to responsible corporate officers identified in Sec. 122.22(a)(1)(i). The Agency will presume that these responsible corporate officers have the requisite authority to sign permit applications unless the corporation has notified the Director to the contrary. Corporate procedures governing authority to sign permit applications may provide for assignment or delegation to applicable corporate positions under Sec. 122.22(a)(1)(ii) rather than to specific individuals.

(2) For a partnership or sole proprietorship. By a general partner or the proprietor, respectively; or

(3) For a municipality, State, Federal, or other public agency. By either a principal executive officer or ranking elected official. For purposes of this section, a principal executive officer of a Federal agency includes: (i) The chief executive officer of the agency, or (ii) a senior executive officer having responsibility for the overall operations of a principal geographic unit of the agency (e.g., Regional Administrators of EPA).

I certify under penalty of law that this document and all attachments were prepared under my direction or supervision in accordance with a system designed to assure that qualified personnel properly gathered and evaluated the information submitted. Based on my inquiry of the person or persons who manage the system, or those persons directly responsible for gathering the information, the information submitted is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, accurate, and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment for knowing violations.

Signature*

Title

Name (printed or typed)

Date

* If you are not an "authorized official" according to Part II.D.10. of the permit and 40 CFR 122.22, then you can only sign this if there is a letter delegating you authority on file with EPA Region 6.

The following are Lease Areas/Blocks that will be submitting Non-Aqueous (Synthetic) based mud DMRs: